

## SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 110

By Ramsey

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Michael  
Crowder of Sullivan Central High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Michael Crowder is one such exceptional student who, among other outstanding achievements, has received a full football scholarship from Princeton University; and

WHEREAS through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Michael Crowder has achieved outstanding academic success and has now joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable academic career at Sullivan Central High School, Michael has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average and scored in the national top 1 percent of ACT scores; and

WHEREAS, this exceptional young man has been a valuable participant in his school's activities; he has been a member of the Math Honor Society, which he has served as Vice President; the Art, Science, and Math Clubs; Parents and Athletes Working to Succeed (P.A.W.S.), for which he was a community worker; the Fellowship of Christian Athletes; the Key Club; and the National Beta Club; and

WHEREAS, Michael's academic prowess has led to his earning numerous accolades: he was named the News Channel 11/Embarq Regional Student-Athlete of the Month for November 2006; named to the National Society of High School Scholars; voted Most Likely to Succeed for the 2006-2007 school year by the Sullivan Central student body; awarded

membership in the Mathematics Honor Society; awarded Top Pre-Calculus Honors; and was named to the National Honor Roll by the Key Club International, the *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, the First Honor Roll, the Honor Roll, and the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his status as a stellar scholar, Michael is a well-rounded young man and a gifted athlete; his lengthy athletic résumé includes currently being ranked the fifteenth offensive center in the nation by ESPN.com; being named two-time ALL-NET (North East Tennessee) and two-time All-Conference Offensive Line; serving as team captain in 2006; receiving the Academic Most Valuable Player Award; being selected to the ALL-BIG SIX; being named a three-time Varsity Team's Most Valuable Offensive Lineman and an All-Conference Offensive Line; lettering in Varsity Track; and winning All-County First Place in discus; and

WHEREAS, in his rare spare time, Michael works part-time for the Bristol Motor Speedway and owns two small businesses; he enjoys hunting, reading, and drawing; he is also an active and devout member of the Indian Springs Baptist Church and a participant of the Liberty Baptist Church Youth Group; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Crowder's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his success at Princeton University and throughout life; and

WHEREAS, his noteworthy achievements are a tremendous source of pride for his family, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Michael Crowder's dedication to excellence and his bright future are clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor Michael Crowder of Sullivan Central High School upon his impressive academic and athletic achievements and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.